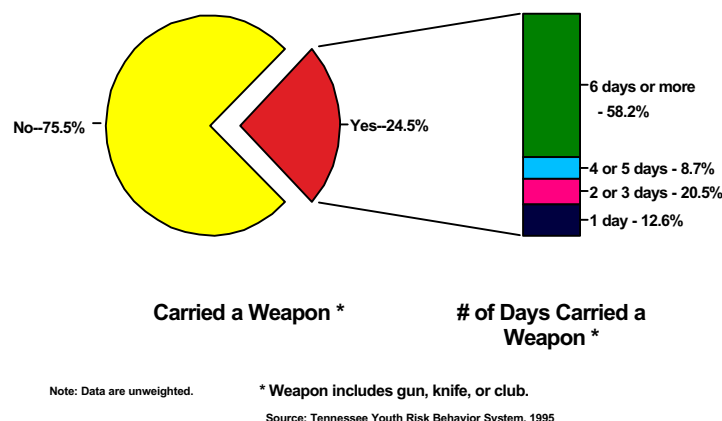


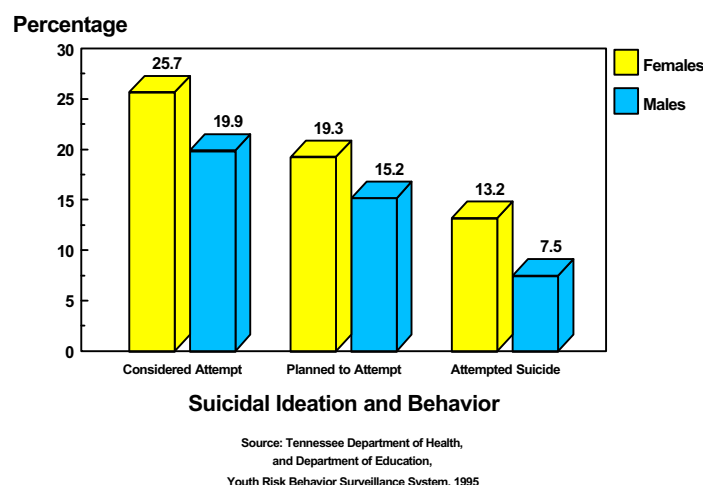
## ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN TENNESSEE, 1995 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM<sup>1</sup>

- Overall, 25.4% of Tennessee high school students reported carrying a weapon (e.g. a gun, knife, or club) in the 30 days prior to the survey.
- Both Tennessee male (40.9%) and female (10.2%) high school students were more likely than United States male (31.1%) and female (8.3%) students to have carried a weapon (e.g., a gun, knife, or club) in the 30 days preceding the survey. Tennessee white male students (44.9%) were 1.5 times as likely as black male students (28.6%) to report this behavior.
- Tennessee students (12.4%) were more likely than students nationwide (9.8%) to report weapon-carrying on school property during the 30 days preceding the survey. Male students (20.9%) were four times more likely than female students (5.0%) to report weapon-carrying on school property. White males (24.6%) were over two times more likely than black males (9.8%) to report this behavior.
- Approximately one quarter of Tennessee high school students (22.9%) reported that they considered attempting suicide in the 12 months prior to the survey. Females were more likely than males to consider attempting suicide, to make a plan about how they would attempt suicide, and to have attempted suicide. Of the students who reported attempting suicide in the previous 12 months, males (42.6%) were more likely than females (30.6%) to have their attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that required treatment by a doctor or nurse.

Percentage of High School Students who Carried a  
Weapon in the 30 Days Prior to the Survey –  
Tennessee, 1995



Percentage of High School Students who Reported  
Suicidal Ideation or Attempts in the 12 Months  
Prior to the Survey, by Sex, Tennessee, 1995



- During the 12 months preceding the survey, 28.1% of Tennessee students reported rarely or never wearing a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else; 35.7% reported rarely or never wearing a motorcycle helmet when riding a motorcycle; and 94.4% reported rarely or never wearing a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle.

<sup>1</sup> Survey data reported are not weighted. See Data Compendium for details.